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Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 6

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Language: French *Country:* France *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1-211v

Description: - Parchment - 264 x 193 mm - 30 long lines per page

Country: France

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Figurative Decoration: 37 half-page miniatures in grisaille of an original 38 (one apparently missing after f. 73)

Other Decoration: Large gold initials on blue and pink fields.

Notes: 20 of the 37 miniatures are based entirely or partially on engravings by Israhel van Mechenem. Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-211v

Author: Jean Mansel

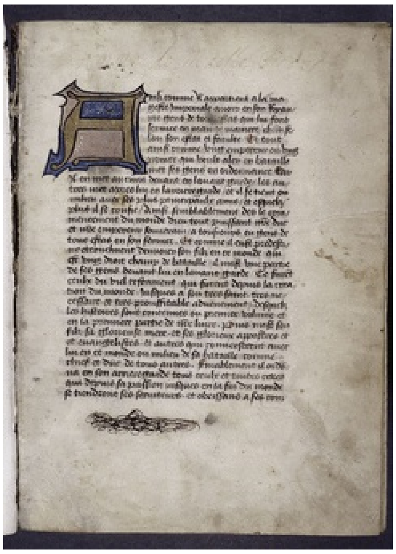
Title: Fleur des histoires

Language(s): French

Incipit: Ansi comme il appartient a la mageste imperiale avoir en son royaume gens de tous estas

Explicit: Si comme le demourant de ceste matere est contenu cy apres sur leurs legendes en la seconde partie de ce present volume.

Notes: Of the two redactions of Mansel's text, the present copy represents an extract from the second and longer version, i.e. the piece of its Book 3 that treats of Christ, Mary and the Apostles (omitting the rest of Book 3 about the saints and moral exempla).



f. 1 Opening of text with large initial; in the upper margin, ownership note of Jeanne de Maille'-Breze'.

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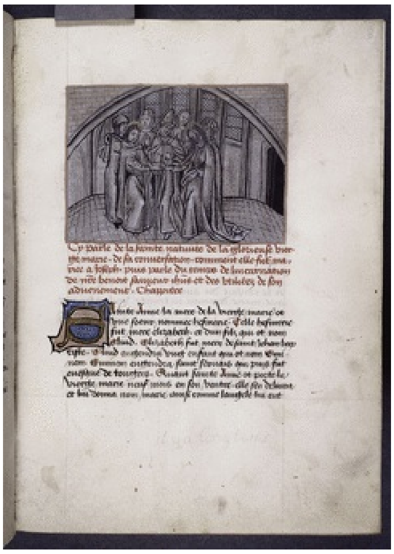

f. 8 Miniature of the marriage of the Virgin and Joseph, in grisaille.

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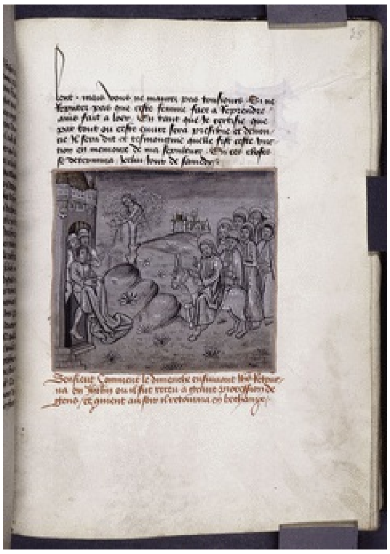

f. 75 Miniature of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

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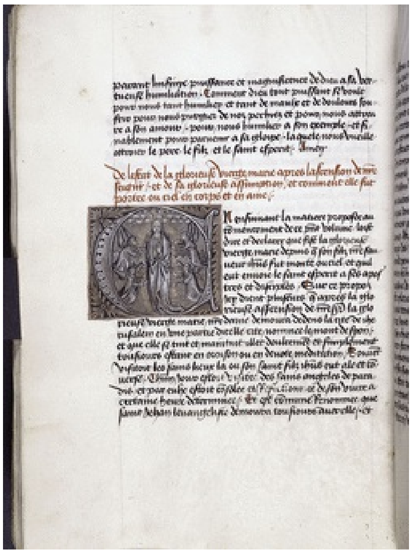

f. 172v Historiated initial of the Assumption of the Virgin.

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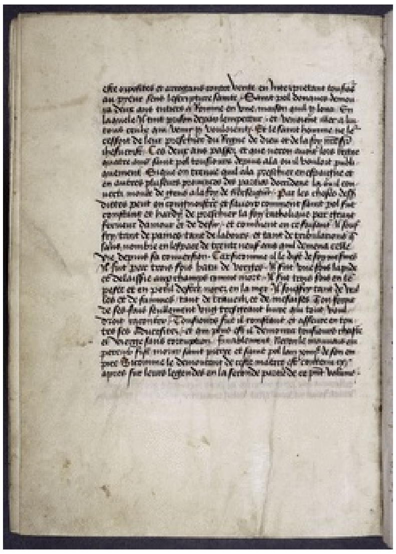

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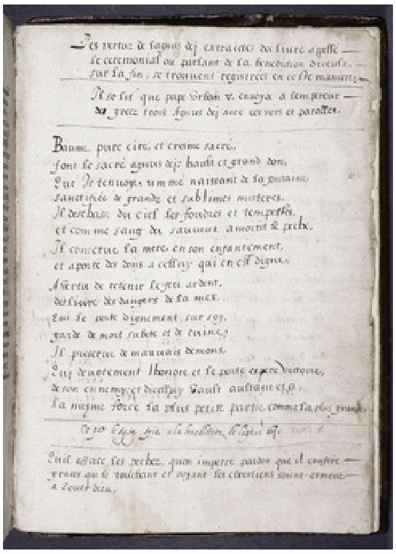

f. i =1st back paper page Later addition on the virtues of the Agnus Dei as sent by Pope Urban V to the Emperor of the Greeks.

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